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TO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA IMMEDIATE

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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE, MAY 21, FROM MEXICO RPTD
TO YOU:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L MEXICO 3603

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, MX

SUBJ: SALINITY - BROWNELL SCHEDULE

REF: STATE 96161

1. WHEN POLITICAL COUNSELOR RAISED THIS MORNING WITH
DIRECTOR GENERAL INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES AND WATERS
LUIS CABRERA QUESTION OF POSSIBLE VISIT BY MR. BROWNELL,
CABRERA READ HIM A NOTE NOT YET RECEIVED BY EMBASSY
STATING THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA WOULD BE PLEASED
TO RECEIVE MR. BROWNELL FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AT THE
EARLIEST CONVENIENT DATE. POLITICAL COUNSELOR TOLD
CABRERA THAT MR. BROWNELL WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO COME
TO MEXICO THE WEEK OF JUNE 4. CABRERA THEN CALLED
UNDER SECRETARY GALLASTEGUI (RABASA HAS ALREADY LEFT
FOR CAMPORA INAUGURATION IN BUENOS AIRES) AND GALLASTEGUI
CONFIRMED THAT GOM WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE MR.
BROWNELL WEEK OF JUNE 4.

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2. WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE VISIT OF RABASA TO WASHINGTON FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY, CABRERA SAID THAT THIS WOULD TAKE PLACE ONLY AFTER BROWNELL VISIT AND DEPENDING ON WHETHER THOSE DISCUSSIONS SHOWED A NEED FOR SUCH A VISIT.

3. ASKED HIS OWN VIEWS CONCERNING OUR PROPOSAL, CABRERA SAID IT CERTAINLY REPRESENTED A STEP FORWARD, BUT THAT IT WAS OBVIOUSLY NECESSARY TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH EXPERTS TO EXPLAIN AND ELUCIDATE THE PROPOSAL. HE COMMENTED THAT SINCE IT HAD TAKEN FOUR AND ONE- HALF MONTHS FOR THE PROPOSAL TO BE PREPARED AFTER THE SUBMISSION OF THE BROWNELL REPORT, IT MUST HAVE BEEN VERY CAREFULLY DRAFTED AND EACH WORD MUST CARRY A SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE.

4. COMMENT: FROM EMBASSY' S STANDPOINT, WE BELIEVE THE TIMING OF THE WEEK OF JUNE 4 TO BE EXCELLENT. WE STRONGLY PREFER TO HAVE THE NEGOTIATIONS TAKE PLACE HERE, WHERE THE MEXICAN EXPERTS ARE AVAILABLE, RATHER THAN IN WASHINGTON. EMBASSY SUGGESTS DESIRABILITY OF COMMISSIONER FRIEDKIN ACCOMPANYING BROWNELL PARTY ON ITS VISIT.

5. DEPARTMENT REPEAT TO SECRETARY' S PARTY AS DESIRED.
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